

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following:

[0017] Deteriorated and/or damaged regions 48 of rotor blade 10 may be removed and replaced using the methods described herein. More specifically, deteriorated and/or damaged regions 48 may be removed and repaired using the methods described herein, to facilitate aerodynamically restoring blade 10. If an inspection indicates that rotor blade 10 includes at least one damaged and/or deteriorated portion 48, rotor blade 10 is removed and repaired using the methods described herein. More specifically, if a rotor blade 10 appears to include damaged and/or deteriorated portions 48, measurements are ~~[[take]]~~ taken to determine if pre-established reparability conditions have been satisfied. In one embodiment, reparability limits are based on a minimum blade thickness T and a maximum chord reduction which, in the exemplary embodiment, is approximately five percent of the chord.